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College at Penukonda.

* 1080 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to start a college at least for Intermediate classes at Penukonda?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"There is no proposal to start any college at Penukonda."

Power generation from Meemutty Waterfalls, Kurumbranad taluk.

* 1081 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received any reports or representations about the possibilities of hydro-electric generation from the Meemutty Waterfalls near Perambra in Kurumbranad taluk of the North Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"Yes. The possibilities were known to the Government Electricity Department. The falls are in the Kuttiyadi basin and are capable of generating only small amount of power whereas more power can be developed on the Kuttiyadi river itself, which will be investigated in due course in order of priority of promising river basins for hydro-electric potential."

Firka development centres.

* 1082 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that when new firkas are taken for firka development, the development officers and the staff working in the old firka development centres are removed from such centres and placed in new firkas;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that items of work undertaken in old firka development centres are left undone and unattended to after new additional firkas are taken up for development;

(*c*) what are the concrete steps taken by the Government to see that firka development in all firkas, whether old or new, is attended to by the organization of villagers on the basis of self-help and unity and by evoking and harnessing the urge of the villagers for development; and

(*d*) what concrete steps are taken by the Government to see that rural development is undertaken and continued in villages;

(1) in old firka development centres now discarded; and

(2) in firkas where firka development is not undertaken by the Rural Development Department either before or now?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—

"(*a*) & (*b*) No.

"(*c*) By organizing village panchayats and Grama Seva Sanghams. It may also be stated that under the Rural Welfare